

Clark County- 2003 EQIP Ranking Worksheet Tract no. \_\_\_\_\_

Resource Concern: LIVESTOCK – “Is water quality being negatively impacted because of animal production activities on the land being offered for contract?”

Landuser: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your farm and activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding. (Please note that your ranking score could change if a field visit to the farm reveals that some factors were not correctly scored in the office):

1. Indicate the presence of the following conditions on pastureland areas:

Overgrazing – Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

Visible erosion – Y or N \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Score: Both = 9; One = 6; None = 0; note: see “Glossary” for definition of terms)

2. Please Indicate the proximity of your livestock to streams, ponds, wetlands or sinkholes:

Livestock have access to waterbodies and/or sinkholes – Y or N \_\_\_\_\_ (\*9 points)

Livestock do not have access but are within 100 ft \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)

Livestock are greater than 100 ft from waterbodies and/or sinkholes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)

3. Please indicate the number of pastures available for rotational grazing of livestock:

1 pasture \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)

2-4 pastures \_\_\_\_\_ (\*4 points)

>4 pastures \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)

4. Please indicate the proximity of feeding, watering or other livestock loafing areas to waterbodies and/or sinkholes:

< 50 ft \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)

50 – 100 ft \_\_\_\_\_ (\*4 points)

100 – 150 ft \_\_\_\_\_ (\*2 points)

5. Is manure and/or commercial fertilizer applied according to current soil test recommendations?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)

No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)

6. Does your farm include less than 180 days of on-site manure storage for a livestock confinement operation?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)

No/NA \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)

7. Does the presence of livestock on this farm affect more than one of the four resource concerns...water, livestock, erosion, or forest health?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)

No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)

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Resource Concern: **EROSION** – “Is soil quality being negatively impacted because of excessive erosion on the land being offered for contract?”

Landuser: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your farm and activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding. (Please note that your ranking score could change if a field visit to the farm reveals that some factors were not correctly scored in the office):

1. Indicate which ONE of the following slope categories represents 50% or more of your land in the area being considered (based on the Clark Soil Survey):  
0-2% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
2-6% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*5 points)  
>6% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*9 points)
2. Indicate which of the following conditions best describe existing/visible erosion on the area being considered for funding (see glossary for definitions of each category):  
Severe \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)      Moderate \_\_\_\_\_ (\*4 points)  
Slight \_\_\_\_\_ (\*2 points)      None \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
3. How much of the land being considered for funding is currently used for cropland (based on FSA crop certification)?  
50% or more of the land area is crop \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)  
Less than 50% of land area is crop \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
0% of the land area is crop \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
4. Which of the following practices best describe the most commonly used tillage activities on the cropland.  
Conventional tillage (less than 30% residue) \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)  
Mulch till (greater than 30% residue) \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
No-till \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
5. Do low residue crops (ie soybeans, tobacco, vegetables) constitute greater than one-half of the years of the crop rotation?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
6. Do you currently utilize cover crops on cropland?  
N/A \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*2 points)  
If no, are you willing to use them? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*1 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
N/A \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)

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Resource Concern: WATER QUALITY – “Is water quality being negatively impacted by agricultural activities on the land being offered for contract?”

Landuser: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your farm and activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding. (Please note that your ranking score could change if a field visit to the farm reveals that some factors were not correctly scored in the office):

1. Please indicate the proximity of cropland to abandoned wells/sinkholes, streams or other waterbodies in the area being considered.  
Less than 25 ft. \_\_\_\_\_ (\*9 points)  
25-100 ft. \_\_\_\_\_ (\*5 points)  
Greater than 100 ft. \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
2. Do livestock have access to sinkholes, streams or other waterbodies in the area?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*9 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
3. Indicate which of the following slope categories represent 50% or more of your land in the area being considered for funding:  
0-2% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
2-6% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
>6% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)
4. Indicate which of the following conditions best describe existing/visible erosion on the area being considered for funding (see glossary for definitions of each category):  
Severe \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)      Moderate \_\_\_\_\_ (\*4 points)  
Slight \_\_\_\_\_ (\*2 points)      None \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
5. Which of the following practices best describe the most commonly used tillage activities on the cropland.(based on your best estimate)  
Conventional tillage (less than 30% residue) \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)  
Mulch till (greater than 30% residue) \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
No-till \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
6. Is commercial fertilizer and/or manure applied according to current soil tests results and proven yields?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)
7. Are chemical herbicides and pesticides applied according to the principles of Integrated Pest Management? (ie scouting, label, etc.)  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)

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Resource Concern: **FOREST HEALTH** – “Is forest quality being negatively impacted by agricultural activities on the land being offered for contract?”

Landuser: Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your farm and activities on the area being considered for EQIP funding. (Please note that your ranking score could change if a field visit to the farm reveals that some factors were not correctly scored in the office):

1. Do you currently have a Forest Management plan which was developed by a professional forester?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)  
N/A \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
2. Is tree planting one of the practices to be implemented in the area?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*9 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
3. Is the forested area protected by the Forest Legacy Program or other conservation easement?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
4. Indicate which of the following slope categories represent 50% or more of your land in the area being considered:  
Less than 6% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)  
6-12% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
Greater than 12% \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)
5. Do livestock have access to the woods?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*6 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
6. Is over half of the forestland area included in Woodland Suitability Groups 1-7 listed in the Soil Survey?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
7. Is Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) one of the practices to be implemented?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)
8. Will existing woods be joined or expanded with new tree planting? (*Existing woods may be off the offered tract.*)  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\*3 points)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*0 points)

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